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Maharashtra	3
Bihar	1
Haryana	—
Rajasthan	1
Gujarat	—
Himachal Pradesh	—
West Bengal	—
Madhya Pradesh	—
Kerala	—
Jammu & Kashmir	—
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—
North Eastern	—
Orissa	—
Punjab	—
Assam	—
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Commemorative stamps of Tercecntenary of Birth of Khalsa

1301. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue commemorative stamps on the occasion of the tercentenary of the birth of Khalsa in April, 1999 and also to put up an exhibition of commemorative stamps issued so far about the Sikh Gurus and important histrical Sikh personalities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A special commemorative stamp on the tercentenary of the birth of Khalsa has been approved for issue on 14.4.99 An exhibition of special/commemorative stamps relating to Punjab and Sikh Gurus, is also being arranged by CPMG Punjab, in coordination with the state authorities.

Telephone facilities to sub-divisional headquarters

1302. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide telephone facilities to sub-divisional headquarters in the country;

(b) the date from which above facilities will be provided;

(c) what is the number of sub-divisional headquarters in the State of Gujarat where telephone facility has not yet been provided; and

(d) the time by which telephone facilities are likely to be provided to these sub-divisional headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. 1210 Sub-divisional headquarters out of a total of 1230 were provided with telephone facilities in the country upto 30.11.98.

(c) and (d) All the 46 Sub-divisional headquarters have already been provided telephone facilities in the State of Gujrat.

Insufficient money order counters in post offices of Ludhiana

1303. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that long queues of migrated people can be seen in post offices in Punjab particularly in Ludhiana waiting for hours together for sending money orders to their families;

(b) if so, whether Government would contemplate for increasing the number of money order counters in post offices or open new post offices exclusively for the purpose in Ludhiana; and

(c) the number of post offices in Ludhiana at present?